

Noxious weeds are non-native plants introduced to Washington through human actions. Because of their aggressive growth and lack of natural enemies in the state, these species can be highly destructive, competitive or difficult to control. These exotic species can reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage recreational opportunities, clog waterways, lower land values and poison humans and livestock.

To help protect the state's resources, the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board adopts a State Noxious Weed List each year. This list categorizes weeds into three major classes -A, B & C -according to the seriousness of the threat they pose to the state or a region of the state.

Class A weeds: Non-native species with a limited distribution in Washington. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations is the highest priority. Eradication is required by law.

Common Name	Scientific name
Bighead knapweed	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
Buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
Clary sage	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
Common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
Denseflower cordgrass	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
Dyers woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
Eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
Garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Italian thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>
Lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
Meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
Mediterranean sage	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>
Milk thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
Purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
Salt meadow cordgrass	<i>Spartina patens</i>
Silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
Slenderflower thistle	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>

Class A weeds continued

Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
Syrian bean-caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
Velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
Vochin knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
Wild four o' clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
Yellow devil hawkweed	<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>

Class B Weeds: Non-native species presently limited to portions of the state. Species are designated for control in regions where they are not yet wide-spread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal

Common Name	Scientific name		
Annual bugloss	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	Indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
Austrian fieldcress	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>	Japanese knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
Black knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
Blackgrass	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Lepyrodiclis	<i>Lepyrodiclis holosteoides</i>
Bohemian knotweed	<i>Polygonum bohemicum</i>	Longspine sandbur	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>	Meadow knapweed	<i>Centaurea pratensis</i>
Brown knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	Mouseear hawkweed	<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>
Camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	Musk thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
Common bugloss	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	Myrtle spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
Common catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Orange hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
Common cordgrass	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	Oxeye daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>Dalmatica</i>	Oxtongue hawkweed	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	Parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
Fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>
Garden loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	Plumeless thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
Giant knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	Polar hawkweed	<i>Hieracium atratum</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	Puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
Hedgeparsley	<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Herb-robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Queendevil hawkweed	<i>Hieracium glomeratum</i>
Himalayan knotweed	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>	Rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
Hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Russian knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>
Houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>

CLASS C WEEDS: Non-native weeds found in Washington. Many of these species are widespread in the state. Long-term programs of suppression and control are a County option, depending upon local threats and the feasibility of control in local areas.

Common name	Scientific name
Absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
Black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
Bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Cereal rye	<i>Secale cereale</i>
Common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>
Common reed (non native genotypes)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
Curly-leaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix 'Baltica'</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix 'Pittsburgh'</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix 'Star'</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera hibernica</i> <i>'Hibernicia'</i>
Field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
Hairy whitetop	<i>Cardaria pubescens</i>
Hairy willow-herb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
Hawkweed, spp*	<i>hieracium</i> Non-Native species except those listed as class A or B
Hoary cress	<i>Cardaria draba</i>
Jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
Old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
Poison-hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
Reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Scentless mayweed	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
Spikeweed	<i>Hemizonia pungens</i>
Spiny cocklebur	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>
St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
White cockle	<i>Silene latifolia</i> ssp. <i>alba</i>
Yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudocorus</i>
Yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>

To find out more about weeds and weed control in Washington, contact:

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Washington State Department of Agriculture
21 North First Avenue #103
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Or

Your local County Noxious Weed Control Board:

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BUTTERFLY BUSH **(BUDDLEIA DAVIDII)**

Plants in bold are new to the list or have new classifications.
Contact the Weed Board for information on B-designate areas.